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**IN RE APPLICATION OF:** Gellrich et al.

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**PRELIMINARY  
AMENDMENT**

**FOR:** MICROLITHOGRAPHIC  
PROJECTION EXPOSURE  
APPARATUS AND METHOD  
FOR INTRODUCING AN  
IMMERSION LIQUID INTO  
AN IMMERSION SPACE

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Please enter the following amendment prior to substantive examination.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 8 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.

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